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Ballenger Creek Shooting Suspect in Custody

Wanted for April 2019 at Jackson's Chapel During a Funeral

FREDERICK, Md. (April 15, 2021) – **Demar Cortez Allen**, age 29, a suspect in the April 2019 shooting near Ballenger Creek Pike in Frederick, was arrested earlier this week in Montgomery County, Maryland. Officers transported him to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on Tuesday, April 13, for holding and serving of the warrant for the 2019 shooting.

On Saturday, April 20, 2019, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies responded to Jackson's Chapel in the 5600 block of Ballenger Creek Pike in Frederick after receiving calls reporting a shooting. There was a funeral service taking place at the time of the incident.

Deputies arrived on scene and learned of two victims suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds. The extent of their injuries were unknown at the time of the shooting, but believed to be non-life threatening.

Witnesses reported that the suspect fled the area prior to emergency personnel arriving. Although the suspect was not located, FCSO detectives did not believe this to be a random shooting and that the shooting occurred after an altercation between individuals at the service.

Approximately 10 days after the incident, FCSO identified the suspect as Demar Cortez Allen, of Germantown.

If you have any information related to this case, contact FCSO at 301-600-1046 and reference case number # 19-041211.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosherriff.com for more information.

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